

## DR. J. BEDFORD LOCKRIDGE

The following was written by Rev. Elmer C. Sloan, probably on the very day of his own death.

The hearts of all the former pastors who have served Huntersville church within the last forty years will be made sad as mine was on learning of the death of Dr. J. Bedford Lockridge. He passed away suddenly in Ronceverte, W. Va., Wednesday morning, December 29th. He was on his way home from Fishersville, Va., where he had been to minister to a grand-daughter, who was seriously ill.

Dr. Lockridge had practiced medicine here for thirty years. He was a staunch Episcopalian, but what was more, he was a Christian gentleman. In our two years ministry here we have never heard him spoken of except in the highest and most affectionate terms. No pastor ever held the place in the hearts of his people that Dr. Lockridge had won for himself in the hearts of this people by his ministry of love to their bodies. Up and down the valley and over the rugged mountains this man of God went. No trip was too long, no day too stormy and no patient too poor for him to go to, and everywhere he carried a ray of sunshine. We shall never forget how tenderly he ministered to the darling of our home when her precious life was hanging in the balance. No man will be more missed in this county than he, for no man is so loved as he.

"He needs no wreath nor marble's sheen  
To keep his blessed memory green.  
But in our hearts that love 'twill hide  
Thill life's last eventide."

Of him the poet said truly,  
"He lived in a house by the side of the road  
Where the race of men went by and  
Was a friend to man."

He walks the fields Elysian,  
We shall meet him after a while.  
ELMER C. SLOANE.

Minnehaha Springs, W. Va.  
December 11, 1920.

New 1921 government saving securities may be had from post offices and through banks. In all, five savings opportunities are offered. For instance, there are the \$1 Treasury Savings Stamps and the \$25 Treasury Savings Certificates. These are in addition to the regular savings securities which have been offered by the United States Treasury Department for several years. The 25 cent Thrift Stamp and the \$5 War Saving Stamp and the \$100 and \$1000 Treasury Savings Certificates will be issued as before.

The \$1 Treasury Savings Stamp and the 25 cent Thrift Stamp are not interest bearing. They are issued to help people save money in small amounts, and when enough of these stamps have been bought, they may be exchanged, in proper ratio, for \$5 War Savings Stamps which bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent compounded quarterly if held until maturity.

During January of the new year the \$5 stamp may be had for \$4.12. It will increase in value 1 cent each month. The January price of the \$25 Treasury Savings Certificates will be \$20.60, the price increasing at the fixed rate of 5 cents a month. The \$100 Treasury Savings Certificates may be bought during January for \$82.40. Its monthly increase in value will be 20 cents.

It is the hope of the United States Treasury, the announcement from Washington says, that the 1921 savings securities will be bought by even more investors than took advantage of recent and current offerings. The \$1 issue will be especially for school children, and it is hoped that it will be bought in large quantities by members of school savings societies, of which many thousands have been organized in this district.

This week William Gibson retires from the Sheriff's office and B. B. Beard goes in. Mr. Gibson has made the enviable record of never having lost a prisoner, nor had a jail delivery, never lost on a tax ticket nor was faked by a bad check, and of a consequence was probably the most unpopular sheriff that ever served Pocahontas County. But business is business, and they never made a goat of this sheriff.

## BANK OF MARLINTON MEETING

The Bank of Marlinton held its annual meeting Monday, January 3rd. The bank has had a profitable year making a net earning of twelve per cent and a fraction on its capital stock of a hundred thousand dollars. A dividend of eight per cent was ordered paid to the stockholders.

The following board of directors and officers were elected: M. J. McNeel, President; M. L. Beard and F. R. Hunter, Vice Presidents; Hubert Echols, Cashier; T. S. McNeel, Secretary; H. Buzzard, R. S. Heckman, A. N. Barlow, H. M. Moore, Dr. U. H. Hannah, J. L. McNeel, Dr. H. W. McNeel, R. A. Hivick, S. P. Curry, Russel Hannah, Sherman Gibson, E. M. Arbogast, H. W. Beard, and J. W. Kenison, directors.

The bank has been conducting on a six per cent basis for a discount rate. During the year the bank passed the million dollar mark in resources.

## LEWISBURG SEMINARY BURNS

Monday morning before daylight the main building of the Lewisburg Seminary was discovered to be on fire and resulted in the total destruction of the building. The building was a large three story brick with a basement. It was about a hundred feet square and very well built and furnished. In it were cooking departments, the dining room, the principal's office, and the sleeping rooms and parlors.

The building was erected after the destruction of a building on the same site in 1904. It was worth something over a hundred thousand dollars.

The fire was discovered when it broke forth from the top of the building. The cause is not known but an electric wire is suspected. There were very few persons in the building at the time, as most of the boarders and faculty were absent on the Christmas holidays and were expected on the morning trains the day of the fire.

There were probably not over a dozen persons in the building at the time. A girl student leaped from one of the rooms and sustained an injury, her wrist being broken and otherwise bruised.

The school is the property of the Greenbrier Presbytery which is a very old and famous institution. It was established in 1812, and is one hundred and eight years old. A great many of the women of West Virginia look back to the days of their schooling in this admirable school in the historical town of Lewisburg.

Some insurance was carried but we have not learned how much.

The school is now going on in Carnegie Hall, the young ladies being lodged in the homes of the town.

## RESOLUTIONS

Whereas in His inscrutable wisdom it has pleased an all wise providence to remove from our Sunday School our co-worker and honored member, Dr. J. B. Lockridge, be it resolved by the members of the Union Sunday School of Minnehaha Springs, W. Va.

That we bow in humble submission to that dispensation of Providence which doeth all things well.

That in his death our Sunday School has lost a loyal scholar and the community a faithful physician.

That we tender our sincere sympathy to the bereaved wife and children, feeling assured that our loss is his eternal gain.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy to the county papers, and a copy recorded in the secretary's book.

"His trials and his griefs are past,  
A blessed end his at last;  
He bore Christ's yoke and did his will  
And though he died he liveth still.  
Then let us leave him to his rest,  
And homeward turn, for he is best  
And we must well our souls prepare,  
When death shall come, to meet him there."

Mrs. Cam McElwee,  
Mrs. Preston Rexrode,  
Mrs. Elmer Moore.

Among the Marlinton Masons attending the annual Masonic banquet at Cass Saturday night were C. C. Clendenen, H. L. Byers, C. E. Denison, S. N. Hench and J. A. Sydenstricker.

## MYSTERY OF THE JEWEL HANDLED KNIFE

Seventh installment  
By Delphia Snedegar.

As Maynard and MacDonald stepped into the darkness not a thing could be seen or heard. Maynard still had that dreadful feeling and it became worse after they were out in the darkness.

Maynard braced up and said, "This has gone far enough, we must find out something tonight."

Just then they heard a loud slam in the house. MacDonald grabbed Lawrence by the arm and then ran toward the house. They thought they could go back through the secret door but this was impossible. The door could not be found any where. They ran around the house and entered the front door. Here they found Eloise in a nervous condition. She handed MacDonald a large double seer she had found on the floor and asked him what it was that had made such a loud noise.

Lawrence saw at once that it was some form of the Hindoo's writing. He looked quickly at MacDonald and shook his head as he didn't want Eloise to be frightened any more than she was.

Lawrence exclaimed, "Oh! we were just investigating, so don't be alarmed."

Lawrence realized that something must be done at once so he and MacDonald stepped into an adjoining room. Just then they heard a faint sound and then a rattle out in the yard. MacDonald said, "We must be very quiet, and find out what this noise is." "Go," whispered Lawrence. So they started out in the darkness. "I will go around and hunt for the secret door and you go into the room and try to open it from the inside. We must catch the person that brought this paper here," demanded Lawrence impatiently.

Lawrence loaded his revolver and slipped out. He was soon around the house and began to hunt for the door with the other.

He murmured to himself, "We will get the old fox sure tonight."

He stopped and listened as he had not heard a sound from MacDonald. As he could not hear a sound he called faintly, "are you looking for the door?" Just then he heard the loud slam of a door, and then another door. Lawrence ran around to the front door. Just as he started into the door the lights went out.

(To be continued)

## FEAST AT DALE ENTERPRISE

On Saturday morning, Dec. 18th, in obedience to the call, "Behold, I have prepared my dinner and all things are now ready;" the following persons met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Heatwole near Mt. Clinton to celebrate the Sixty-Sixth anniversary of D. F. Heatwole's birth: Benj. F. Beery and wife, Gessner Messick and wife, Perry G. Lineweaver and wife, Aldine J. Heatwole and wife, Simon Brunk and wife and daughter, Marie L. J. Heatwole, Benj. B. Shifflet, Mrs. Charles R. Harman, Mrs. Elizabeth Gowl and daughter, Millie, Mrs. Mary Gowl and daughter, Tressie, all of west Rockingham; Elmer and Leonard Heatwole of Cutbank, Montana; Alvin Heatwole and little daughter, Beverly, of Palmyra, Pa.; also D. R. Heatwole and wife at home.

Of the elderly persons who sat down to the feast that had been prepared for the occasion, it was observed that in point of age, the range was from fifty-six to seventy-six, with D. F. Heatwole, the guest of honor, falling midway between these extremes at sixty-six years.

Aside from the very enjoyable period that was spent at the table, the day was occupied in the recall of reminiscences that carried the mind back to the rainbow days of youth, when the farmers of West Rockingham cut their wheat with grain cradles and every sheep bound by hand; when wages were fifty cents per day working from sunrise to sunset, or twenty dollars per month with washing and mending thrown in and a horse to ride Sundays.

Recollections were also recalled of the Rev. Wm. T. Price, who, in the seventies and eighties was a most familiar figure in the social, literary and religious affairs of the community, and who is said to be yet living at Marlinton, W. Va., at the age of ninety years and past. His wife Mrs. Anna L. Price is still kept fresh in the memory of many of the elderly people for the precious hymn she wrote which begins with the following stanza:

"Above the trembling elements,  
Above life's restless sea,  
Dear Saviour lift my spirit up—  
O, lift me up to Thee."

—Harrisonburg News.

L. O. Simmons, the beeman, reports his bees to be wintering fine in double walled hives, but the colonies in single walled hives to be in medium to bad shape. Heretofore he has wintered his bees in a small bee house, packing the hives away in leaves. This proved a satisfactory, but troublesome way. Last season he got a number of hives with double walls, and he finds them satisfactory in every particular. An air space is left all around the inside hive which is further protected by a heavy pasteboard covering. This makes the hive cool in summer and warm in winter.

## HONOR ROLL: Minnehaha School

For third month. E. Ernest White, Teacher—Eleanor Herold, Virginia Herold, Grace Rexrode, Nellie Sharp, Junita Rexrode, Woodrow Herold, Carson Herold and George Gum.

## STEPHENSON-McLAUGHLIN

"Ridge Cr. st." the home of Mr. and Mrs. Solon H. Moore, Staarts Draft, Virginia, Wednesday evening, December 29, 1920, at 7:30 o'clock was the scene of a beautiful wedding, when their sister Edith McLaughlin, became the bride of Mr. Luedan Homer Stephens. Rev. H. W. McLaughlin, D. D., of New Providence Church, and cousin of the bride, and the Rev. H. M. Wilson, pastor, officiating ministers. The ceremony was witnessed only by relatives and close friends of the families, and was followed by a reception. The house which is so well adapted for such occasions, was simply but beautifully decorated with potted plants, cut flowers, and Christmas evergreens. The lower floor being lighted with pink shaded candles and a soft light from the open fire made a perfect setting for the beautiful scene. The bride was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Mr. S. H. Moore, and wore a gown of white georgette over crepe meteor, carrying a shower bouquet of brides roses, her tulle veil caught with orange blossoms. Her only ornament a string of pearls, a gift from the groom. Miss Mary McClintic, of Marlinton, W. Va., was maid of honor and wore jade green taffeta with silver lace, carrying pink roses. The groom was attended by his brother Boyd Stephenson, Monterey, Va. Fred McLaughlin and G. H. Payne, esq., Mrs. J. M. McChesney of Fishersville, rendered the wedding music. Mrs. C. S. Roller, of Ft. Detmold, presided at the punch bowl. After a trip to the northern cities, Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson will be at Monterey. Guests from a distance, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. McNeel, Miss Nancy McNeel, Hillsboro, W. Va.; Miss Mary McClintic, J. A. McLaughlin, Frank McLaughlin, Marlinton, W. Va., Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Boyer, Woodstock; Maj. and Mrs. Chas. Roller, Ft. Detmold; Miss Elie George, Newport, and G. H. Payne, Monterey, Md.

Dear Editor of the Times:  
After reading the article of week before last by Rural Teacher, and the reply last week by Allegany Joe, I cannot refrain from having something to say. I do not know the names of either writer but we are all friends.

I would like to ask our friend, Allegany Joe, that if teaching is such a soft snap, why are so many schools without teachers in West Virginia? Why do we hold each year three uniform examinations, then have to issue emergency certificates in order to meet the situation, not counting the graduates from high school each year with the Teachers' Training Course completed and holding a first grade certificate ready to teach?

It seems to me that there should be two or three applicants for each job if it is the soft snap some think it is. Why do so many make preparation to teach and then teach a year or two and quit? I suppose they learn a few things by actual experience that the person who never taught hasn't learned.

Just a few days ago I talked with a young man who taught school two or three years and quit. He is working at camp on Elk River now. He said he could work all day in the woods and not be as tired when night came as he would in the school room from nine till four. He also said he could make as much in three months at camp as he could in six teaching school.

Another young man finished high school and taught one year and said he considered a person a fool who would teach school if he could find anything else to do.

Sometimes under certain circumstances I am inclined to think he did not miss the truth very far when he said it.

Rural Teacher gave a very good description of the situation as a general one. If teachers fully realize the great responsibility and obligation resting upon them, to their Maker, the patrons, and pupils, when they enter the school room—and I think most of them do—and work accordingly as they do not receive enough pay for the time spent in the school room. But the work does not stop at four o'clock. Teacher must plan their work days before school begins and keep planning and preparing, sitting up at night as long as their tired nerves will permit them, then up early in the morning and at the task again.

Rural teachers should have more pay than they get. Just think of going into a one room school with from thirty to forty pupils and frequently in all the grades and try to do a good part by all. They must have about thirty recitations a day. Of course they can't do the work as they would like to do it, but feeling responsibility resting on them they must make the best of the situation. Often the children are crowded together, new seats are needed and they cannot be gotten. Sometimes the teacher goes two or three miles through the snow and cold and on arriving at the school house does not always find a good fire and every thing pleasant and ready for work to move right off.

Teaching is a noble profession but a very poor trade at present. If the public doesn't get around and agitate the school question and inform our legislators as to what they need, our school conditions will not improve but may get worse.

Probably I had better quit for this time, but the half has not yet been told.

Rural Teacher No. 2,  
Marlinton, W. Va.

F. R. Hill underwent an operation on his arm at the Marlinton Hospital on Monday for blood poisoning.

## SPICE

We are having some very fine weather for the beginning of the new year.

Little Johnnie Bragg is ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. A. M. Dean is able to be out again after a light attack of pneumonia.

Mitchell Barrett has gone to Cheat to work.

Miss Carrie Brown, has returned from a Baltimore Hospital, and has taken up her school again at this place.

Miss Ethel Barrett returned home last week after spending several months with her brother, John Barrett, in Virginia.

Mrs. Emma Shue of Virginia, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. L. Kerchner, recently.

Walter Fox, of Cass, spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother.

Mrs. Eula Hiner, of Cass, is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. T. Kerchner.

The venerable John R. King, of Weston, was here last week to visit his kinsman, L. M. Waugh. Though nearly eighty years of age, Mr. King is still strong and enjoyed the five mile walk from Marlinton to Mr. Waugh's home and the fine winter morning on New Years. He was a Confederate soldier, a member of that fighting regiment, the 25th Virginia Infantry. Mr. King has devoted much of his time in late years to writing reminiscences of the war and early days of the State.

Johnny Hayslet, a fifteen year old boy, lost an eye last Friday by the dynamite cap route. He and a number of half grown boys had gathered some dynamite caps and took them to the mouth of the creek to explode them. They built a fire and Johnny held one of the caps down with a stick. When it went off, the cap hit him in the eye, probably destroying the sight. On Saturday he was taken to an eye specialist at Charlottesville.

"Friends, the taxes are indeed very heavy, and if those laid on by the Government were the only ones we had to pay we might more easily discharge them; but we have many others and much more grievous to some of us. We are taxed twice as much by our idleness; three times as much by our pride and four times as much by our folly; and from these taxes the Commissioners cannot ease or deliver us by allowing an abatement."—Benjamin Franklin.

Henry Cleek, an old time resident of Pocahontas, who lived on the farm that is now Marlinton nearly fifty years ago, spent last week with relatives and old time acquaintances. He is now living in Baltimore. Much of his life has been spent on the frontier, in the north west, the far west, Alaska and Panama. In Alaska he carried mail on dog sleds; in Panama he helped put the canal across, and during the war he did his bit in the shipyards.

## Trustee's Notice of Sale

By virtue of a deed of trust, dated on the 2nd day of October, 1920, made by F. C. Thompson to me as Trustee, and of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book No. 11, page 497, and also by written agreement between F. C. Thompson and myself, agreeing that the property should be sold at Marlinton, West Virginia, dated January 3rd, 1921.

I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder on Saturday, January 29th 1921, at one o'clock, p. m. at the Front Door of the Court House of Pocahontas County, West Virginia. One black team of horses and harness, two wagons, bark racks, and logging equipment, being the same team and harness and equipment bought of J. C. Myers, by the said F. C. Thompson.

Terms of sale: CASH on day of sale.

This 4th day of January, 1921.  
P. D. Sullivan, Trustee.

Mary Hoover Plaintiff  
Vs  
H. Blackhurst, Executor of J. A. Hoover, Deceased.

Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, rendered in Chancery on the 3rd day of December, 1920, the undersigned Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court of said County, will on the 12th day of February 1921, at his office in the town of Marlinton, West Virginia, proceed to take, state and report to Court the following matters of account to-wit:

First. What personal estate the said J. A. Hoover owned at the time of his death, the character and value thereof.

Second. What disposition, if any, was made of said personal estate by the defendant H. Blackhurst, Executor of the said J. A. Hoover, deceased and how much, if any, of said personal estate is now in the hands of the said H. Blackhurst, as Executor.

Third. A settlement of the executorial accounts of the said H. Blackhurst, as Executor of J. A. Hoover.

At the above time and place all parties in interest may attend.

W. A. Bratton,  
Commissioner in Chancery.

## Extra Special

Men's Tailor Made Suits that have not been called for worth up to \$75.00 to be sold in our going out of business. Sale at

# 29.75

Going Out Of Business  
**FINGER-SIEGEL CO.**  
CASS, WEST VIRGINIA

## DURBIN

On Friday evening December 31, 1920, the M. E. Church, South, box supper at C. J. Bish's hall; the patrons enjoyed themselves and the church received eighty-seven dollars.

Robert Eades and Misses Virginia Hull and Vida McLaughlin returned to the Alderson school.

Frank Folk goes to the University of Virginia.

Miss Ernestine Hall goes to Orange to school, and Misses Helen Burner and Ruth Kramer to Marlinton high school.

R. C. Vanosdale was home from Detroit during the holidays.

Dr. C. B. Collins is able to be in his office again after five weeks with a case of appendicitis.

Some of our men were at Cass Saturday night to meet with the Masons and enjoyed a good time.

The sick in town are Paul Bish and Dr. S. A. Wilhite.

We will hold a town election on Thursday the 6th, with two full tickets in the field.

Sam Williams and wife have returned from a visit to their old home in Virginia.

J. C. Whitlock and sister of Fairmont were with their mother Mrs. C. F. Kerr during holidays.

On last Wednesday a pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Greathouse when their daughter Miss Janet Greathouse was united in marriage to

Louise Kliner of Thornwood, by Rev. J. C. Splinder. A large crowd of friends was present.

John F. Woodell, of Nottingham was a business visitor in town last week.

Albert Ash of Burner, butchered two champion hogs last week.

R. L. Shifflet is repairing his building in west Durbin.

Ben Arbogast, of May, was a business visitor in town last week.

Arch Duckworth moved to town last week.

Lon Moyers moved to Ohio state last week.

R. K. Kramer, of Bartow, killed the champion wildcat of this year.

Miss Maud Sutton, clerk in C. E. Beard's store, spent the holidays with her parents at Hosterman.

On last Saturday, James Voex, was brought to the Marlinton Hospital from Cass, suffering from a shot gun wound in the thigh inflicted by Paul Mani. The latter is now a fugitive. Voex is seriously hurt. The parties are Italians. They had a falling out over the payment of a debt which Mani owed to Voex.

Died, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kramer of Bartow, on Sunday morning, January 2, 1921, of diphtheria. The little fellow was just four years old, and a true bright child.

A large flock of wild geese lit down in the Arbovale community last week.

# After Christmas Clearance

Times have changed again and we are going to have real old time

## January Clearance

with real old time bargains. To effect a real old time clearance of winter stocks all through our store.

### The Reductions Average 1-3

Entire Stock of Ladies' Coats Reduced  
Entire Stock of Dresses Reduced  
Entire Stock of Ladies' Suits Reduced  
Entire Stock of Dress Goods brought down to old time levels

### Welcome News

Entire Stock of Rugs size 9x12 Reduced  
Every Man's Suit and Overcoat here is Reduced and Repriced  
Entire Stock of Shoes for men, women and children Reduced.

# COOPER'S

Cass, West Virginia

## The Time For Thrift

Yesterday has gone never to return. To-morrow is not yet born.

Today—not tomorrow—is the time to start to practice Thrift, to spend less and make more, to save steadily and systematically.

Today—not tomorrow—is the time to open a Savings Account in this Institution.

With the wages of today lay the foundation of a successful tomorrow.

Let us help you make 1921 a financial success.

## The First National Bank

Marlinton, W. Va.